

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. CON. RES. 16

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Fred Rogers was born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, in 1928;

Whereas Fred Rogers earned a degree in music composition, studied child development at the University of Pittsburgh, attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and was ordained a Presbyterian minister;

Whereas Fred Rogers created “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood” in 1966, and hosted the program through the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) from 1968 through 2000;

Whereas “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood” is the longest-running program on PBS;

Whereas “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood” was created and filmed in Fred Rogers’ hometown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;

Whereas Fred Rogers’ caring, genuine spirit reflects the values shared by the people of southwestern Pennsylvania and by so many neighborhoods throughout the country;

Whereas “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood” continues to be a nurturing, educational program for children emphasizing the value of every individual and helping children understand how they fit into their families, communities, and country;

Whereas Fred Rogers was appointed Chairman of the Forum on Mass Media and Child Development of the White House Conference on Youth in 1968;

Whereas “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood” won 4 Emmy Awards, “Lifetime Achievement” Awards, and 2 George Foster Peabody Awards;

Whereas Fred Rogers won every major award in television for which he was eligible;

Whereas Fred Rogers was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame in 1999;

Whereas President George W. Bush awarded Mr. Rogers the Presidential Medal of Honor in 2002;

Whereas Fred Rogers was also a prolific songwriter and author; and

Whereas Fred Rogers was presented with over 40 honorary degrees from colleges and universities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress recognizes and honors Mr.
 3 Fred McFeely Rogers for—

4 (1) dedicating his career to the educational and
 5 imaginative children’s program “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood”;
 6 neighborhood”;

7 (2) the accomplishments of this influential program and the emphasis it places on the value of
 8 each individual within his or her community; and
 9 each individual within his or her community; and

10 (3) the compassionate, moral example he set for
 11 millions of American children for over 30 years.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION OF ENROLLED RESOLUTION.**

2 The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an en-
3 rolled copy of this concurrent resolution to Mrs. Joanne
4 Rogers.

Passed the Senate March 5, 2003.

Attest:

Secretary.

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Honoring the life and work of Mr. Fred McFeely
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